LPG distributorships, Retail Outlet (Petrol/Diesel) dealerships and SKO LDO agencies during the last two years in U.P.

LPG Distributorships	R.L. (Petrol/Diesel) Dealerships	SKO/LDO Agencies
83	53	2

(b) Yes, Sir. Such complaints are enquired into and appropriate action taken.

PCO in U. P. Villages

1700. Dr. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public call offices to be opened in villages of Uttar Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the quantum of funds allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The proposed number of Long Distance Public Call Offices to be provided in villages of Uttar Pradesh during the 7th Five Year Plan period is of the order of one thousand, subject to availability of financial and material resources.

(b) Funds required for the above works will be met from the lumpsum grant allocated to the circle each year.

Sick industries

1701. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trend in industrial sickness is rising;

(b) if so, how many units in large, medium and small scale industries were sick at the end of December, 1984;

(c) what was the amount of money blocked in such units;

(d) how many units financed by the Industrial Finance Corporation of India and the Industrial Development Bank of India have turned sick;

(e) how many workers were affected by the sickness of these units;

(f) which are the main categories of industries that fall sick; and

(g) whether Government are contemplating to formulate any policy to contain this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Number of sick industrial units, for which data is collected by the Reserve Bank of India, has been increasing from year to year. However, the actual incidence in terms of outstanding loans as percentage of total loans sanctioned by banks, has remained stable around 8% during 1981-1984 (upto June).

(b) and (c) Data on industrial sickness for the period ending December, 1984 are not available. However, as per the latest data furnished by RBI the number of sick units and the amount outstanding against these units as on 30th June, 1984 are shown below:—

(Rs in crores)

	No. of sick units	Amount
Large	513	211
Medium	1437	373
Small Scale	6617	38
	8350	3274

(d) Public financial institutions (including IFCI and IDBI) have reported sickness in respect of 668 large and medium scale units as at the end of December, 1984.

(e) Data on workers affected in the sick industrial units is neither maintained centrally in this Ministry nor collected by the R.B.I.

(f) As per the RBI data Largest number of sick units are in the small scale sector.

(g) To deal with the problem of industrial sickness in the country, the